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Like a bird that hasteth to his *gryn*,  
Not knowing the peril. *Chaucer.*  
The *grin* shall take him by the heel, and the robber shall  
prevail against him. *Job xviii. 9.*  
To GRIND. *v. a. preter. I ground; part. pass. ground.* [Zun-  
ban, zegrunden, ground, Saxon.]  
1. To reduce any thing to powder by friction; to comminute by  
attrition.  
And whosoever shall fall on this stone, shall be broken; but  
on whomsoever it shall fall, it will *grind* him to powder. *Mat.*  
He that will have a cake out of the wheat, must needs tarry  
the *grinding*. *Shakespeare's Troilus and Cressida.*  
What relation or affinity is there between a minute body  
and cogitation, any more than the greatest? Is a small drop of  
rain any wiser than the ocean? Or do we *grind* inanimate corn  
into living and rational meal? *Bentley's Sermons.*  
2. To sharpen or smooth by rubbing on something hard.  
Meeting with time, slack things, said I,  
Thy fish is dull; whet it, for shame:  
No marvel, sir, he did reply,  
If it at length deserve some blame;  
But where one man would have me *grind* it,  
Twenty for one too sharp do find it. *Herbert.*  
Against a stump his tusk the monster *grinds*,  
And in the sharpen'd edge new vigour finds. *Dryd. Fables.*  
That the stomach in animals *grinds* the substances which it  
receives, is evident from the dissection of animals, which have  
swallowed metals, which have been found polished on the side  
next the stomach. *Arbuthnot on Aliments.*  
3. To rub one against another.  
So up he let him rise; who with grim look,  
And countenance stern, upstanding, 'gan to *grind*.  
His grated teeth for great disdain. *Fairy Queen, b. ii.*  
Harsh sounds, as of a saw when it is sharpened, and *grind-*  
ing of one stone against another, make a shivering or horror  
in the body, and set the teeth on edge. *Bacon's Nat. History.*  
4. To harass; to oppress.  
Some merchants and tradesmen, under colour of furnishing  
the colony with necessities, may not *grind* them so as shall  
always keep them in poverty. *Bacon's Advice to Villiers.*  
Another way the Spaniards have taken to *grind* the Neapol-  
itans, and yet to take off the odium from themselves. *Addis.*  
To GRIND. *v. n.* To perform the act of grinding; to move  
a mill.  
Fetter'd they send thee  
Into the common prison, there to *grind*.  
Among the slaves and asses. *Milton's Agonistes.*  
2. To be moved as in the act of grinding.  
Shrinking sinews start,  
And smoky foam works o'er my *grinding* jaws. *Rowe.*  
GRINDER. *n. s.* [from *grind*.]  
1. One that grinds; one that works in a mill.  
2. The instrument of grinding.  
His heart a solid rock, to fear unknown,  
And harder than the *grinder's* nether stone. *Sandys.*  
Now exhort  
Thy hinds to exercise the pointed steel  
On the hard rock, and give a wheel's form  
To the expected *grinder*. *Phillips.*  
3. [Grunb-to-day.] The back teeth; the double teeth.  
The teeth are in men of three kinds: sharp, as the fore-  
teeth; broad, as the back-teeth, which we call the molar-  
teeth, or *grinders*; and pointed teeth, or canine, which are  
between both. *Bacon's Natural History.*  
He the raging lion's confounds,  
The roaring lion with his javelin wounds;  
Scatters their whelps, their *grinders* breaks; so they  
With the old hunter starve for want of prey. *Sandys.*  
The jaw-teeth or *grinders*, in Latin *molars*, are made flat  
and broad a-top, and withal somewhat uneven and rugged,  
that, by their knobs and little cavities, they may the better  
retain, *grind* and commix the aliments. *Ray on the Creation.*  
Nature is at a great deal of labour to transmute vegetable  
into animal substances; therefore herb-eating animals, which  
don't ruminate, have strong *grinders*, and chew much. *Arbuth.*  
4. The teeth, in irony or contempt.  
One, who at sight of supper, open'd wide  
His jaws before, and whetted *grinders* try'd. *Dryd. Juven.*  
Both he brought;  
He mouth'd them, and betwixt his *grinders* caught. *Dryden.*  
GRINDLESTONE. *n. s.* [from *grind* and *stone*.] The stone  
GRINDSTONE. } on which edged instruments are sharpened.  
Such a figure and metall'd dance  
Saw you never yet in France;  
And by the lead-men, for the nonce,  
That turn round like *grindstones*,  
Which they dig out fro' the dells,  
For their barns bread, wives and fells. *Ben. Johnson.*  
Literature is the *grindstone* to sharpen the coulters, and to  
whet their natural faculties. *Hammond on Fundamentals.*  
Smiths that make hinges brighten them, yet seldom file

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them; but grind them on a *grindstone* till bright. *Maxon.*  
GRINER. *n. s.* [from *grin*.] He that grins.  
The frightful *grinner*.  
Be the winner. *Addison's Spectator, No. 170.*  
GRINNINGLY. *adv.* [from *grin*.] With a grinning laugh.  
GRIP. *n. s.* A small ditch. *Ainsworth.*  
To GRIP. *v. a.* [from *gripen*, Gothick; *grupan*, Saxon; *grifpen*,  
Dutch; *grifp*, Scottish.]  
1. To hold with the fingers closed; to grasp; to press with the  
fingers.  
He that speaks doth *gripe* the hearer's wrist,  
Whilst he that hears makes fearful action  
With wrinkl'd brows. *Shakespeare's King John.*  
He seiz'd the shining bough with *gripping* hold,  
And rent away with ease the ling'ring gold. *Dryden's Æn.*  
2. [Gripper, French.] To catch eagerly; to seize.  
A wondrous way it for this lady wrought,  
From lion's claws to pluck the *gripped* prey. *Fairy Queen.*  
You took occasion to be quickly wood'd  
To *gripe* the gen'ral sway into your hands. *Shakes. Hen. IV.*  
3. To close; to clutch.  
Unlucky Wexford! thy unfeeling master,  
The more thou ticklest, *gripes* his hand the faster. *Pope.*  
4. To pinch; to press; to squeeze.  
And first the dame came rushing through the wood;  
And next the famish'd hounds that fought their food;  
And *grip'd* her flanks, and oft essay'd their jaws in blood. *Dryden's Fables.*  
To GRIP. *v. n.* To pinch the belly; to give the colic.  
Thus full of counsel to the den he went,  
Grip'd all the way, and longing for a vent. *Dryden.*  
Many people would, with reason, prefer the *gripping* of an  
hungry belly to those dishes which are a feast to others. *Lect.*  
Manna, by the bulk, figure, texture and motion of its  
parts, has a power to produce the sensations of sickness, and  
sometimes of acute pains or *gripings* in us. *Lect.*  
GRIP. *n. s.* [from the verb.]  
1. Grasp; hold; seizure of the hand or paw.  
Therefore still on high  
He over him did hold his cruel claws,  
Threatning with greedy *gripe* to do him dy. *Fairy Queen.*  
They put a barren sceptre in my *grips*,  
Thence to be wrench'd with an unlineal hand. *Shak. Macb.*  
Should I  
Slaver with lips, as common as the flairs  
That mount the Capitol's join *gripes* with hands  
Made hairy with hourly falsehood as with labour. *Shakespeare.*  
He gave me his hand,  
And, with a feeble *gripe*, says, dear, my lord,  
Command my service. *Shakespeare's Henry V.*  
I fell; and with my weight the helm constrain'd,  
Was drawn along, which yet my *gripe* retain'd. *Dryd. Æn.*  
2. Squeeze; pressure.  
Fir'd with this thought, at once he strain'd the breast;  
'Tis true, the harden'd breast refills the *gripe*,  
And the cold lips return a kiss unripe. *Dryden's Fables.*  
3. Oppression; crushing power.  
I take my cause  
Out of the *gripes* of cruel men, and give it  
To a most noble judge, the king my master. *Shak. H. VIII.*  
4. Affliction; pinching distress.  
Adm. at the news  
Heart-struck with chilling *grife* of sorrow flood,  
'T hat all his senses bound! *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. xi.*  
Canst thou bear cold and hunger? Can these limbs,  
Fram'd for the tender offices of love,  
Endure the bitter *gripes* of smarting poverty? *Otway.*  
5. [In the plural.] Belly-ach; colic.  
In the jaundice the choler is wanting; and the icterical  
have a great sourness and *gripes*, with windiness. *Floyer.*  
GRIPPER. *n. s.* [from *grife*.] Oppressor; usurer; extor-  
tioner.  
Others pretend zeal, and yet are proffessed usurers, *grippers*,  
monsters of men, and harpies. *Eurion on Melancholy.*  
GRIPINGLY. *adv.* [from *gripping*.] With pain in the guts.  
Clysters help, lest the medicine stop in the guts, and work  
grippingly. *Bacon's Natural History.*  
GRIPPER. *n. s.* A greedy snatcher; a gripping miser.  
GRIPPER. *n. s.* Used by *Milton* for ambergrise.  
Beasts of chase, or fowl of game,  
In palfry built, or from the spit, or bowl'd,  
Grip'd or *ream'd*. *Milton's Paradise Regain'd, b. ii.*  
GRIS. *n. s.* [See GREY, as it should be written.] A step  
or scale of steps.  
Let me speak like ourself; and lay a sentence,  
Which, as a *grise* or step, may help these lovers  
Into your favour. *Shakespeare's Othello.*  
GRISKIN. *n. s.* [from *griskin*, roast meat, Irish.] The vertebrae of  
a hog broiled.  
GRISLY. *adj.* [from *grisl*, Saxon.] Dreadful; horrible; hideous;  
frightful; terrible. *His*

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His *grisy* locks, long grown and unbound,  
Disordered hung about his shoulders round. *Fairy Queen.*  
Where I was wont to seek the honey bee,  
The *grisy* toadfoot grown there might I see. *Spenser.*  
My *grisy* countenance made others fly;  
None durst come near, for fear of sudden death. *Sh. H. VI.*  
Back step'd those two fair angels, half amaz'd  
So sudden to behold the *grisy* king;  
Yet thus, unmov'd with fear, accost him soon. *Milt. P. L.*  
For that damn'd magician, let him be girt  
With all the *grisy* legions that troop  
Under the footy flag of Acheron. *Milton.*  
The beauteous form of fight  
Is chang'd, and war appears a *grisy* light. *Dryden's Fables.*  
In vision thou shalt see his *grisy* face,  
The king of terrors, raging in thy race. *Dryd. Immacence.*  
Thus the *grisy* spectre spoke again.  
Close by each other laid, they press'd the ground,  
Their manly bosoms pierc'd with many a *grisy* wound. *Dryden's Fables.*  
So rushes on his foe the *grisy* bear. *Addison.*  
GRIST. *n. s.* [from *grist*, Saxon.]  
1. Corn to be ground.  
Get *grist* to the mill to have plenty in store,  
Left miller lack water. *Tusser's Husbandry.*  
A mighty trade this lusty miller drove;  
Much *grist* from Cambridge to his lot did fall,  
And all the corn they us'd at Scholars-hall. *Miller of Trwyp.*  
2. Supply; provision.  
Matter, as wife logicians say;  
Cannot without a form subtil;  
And form, say I, as well as they;  
Must fall, if matter brings no *grist*. *Swift.*  
3. GRIST to Mill, is profit; gain.  
The computation of degrees, in all matrimonial causes, is  
wont to be made according to the rules of that law, because  
it brings *grist* to the mill. *Ayliffe's Paragon.*  
GRISTLE. *n. s.* [from *gristle*, Saxon.] A cartilage; a part of  
the body next in hardness to a bone.  
No living creatures, that have shells very hard, as oysters,  
crabs, lobsters, and especially the tortoise, have no bones  
within them, but only little *gristles*. *Bacon's Nat. History.*  
Left the asperity or hardness of these cartilages should hurt  
the oesophagus or gullet, which is tender and of a skinny sub-  
stance, or hinder the swallowing of our meat, therefore these  
annular *gristles* are not made round, or intire circles; but  
where the gullet touches the windpipe, there, to fill up the  
circle, is only a soft membrane, which may easily give way to  
the dilatation of the gullet. *Ray on the Creation.*  
GRISTLY. *adj.* [from *gristle*.] Cartilaginous; made of gristle.  
At last they spit out pieces of their lungs; it may be small  
*gristly* bits, that are eaten off from the lung-pipes. *Harvey.*  
She has made the back-bone of several vertebrae, as being  
more fit to bend, more tough, and less in danger of breaking  
than if they were all one intire bone without these *gristly*  
junctures. *Mot's Antidote against Ateism.*  
Fins are made of *gristly* spokes, or rays connected by  
membranes; so that they may be contracted or extended like  
womens fans. *Ray on the Creation.*  
They have a louder and stronger note than other birds of  
the same bigness, which have only a *gristly* windpipe. *Grew.*  
Each pipe, distinguish'd by its *gristly* rings,  
To cherish life aerial pasture brings. *Blackmore's Creation.*  
GRIT. *n. s.* [from *grit*, Saxon.]  
1. The coarse part of meal.  
2. Oats hulled, or coarsely ground.  
3. Sand; rough hard particles.  
Sleight bole, crackling a little betwixt the teeth, yet with-  
out the least particle of *grit*, feels as smooth as Castile soap. *Grew's Musciv.*  
The sturdy pear-tree here  
Will rise luxuriant, and with toughest root  
Pierce the obdurate *grit* and reffive marle. *Phillips.*  
4. *Grits* are fossils found in minute masses, forming together a  
kind of powder; the several particles of which are of no de-  
terminate shape, but seem the rudely broken fragments of  
larger masses; not to be dissolved or diffused by water, but  
retaining their figure, and not cohering into a mass. They  
are opaque, and in many species fermenting with acids, and  
often souled with heterogeneous matters. One sort is a fine, dull  
looking, grey *grit*, which, if wetted with salt-water into  
mortar or paste, dries almost immediately, and coalesces into  
a hard stony mass, such as is not easily afterwards diffused by  
water. This is the *pulvis puteolanus* of the ancients, mixed  
among their cements used in buildings sunk into the sea; and  
in France and Italy an ingredient in their harder plasters, un-  
der the name of pozzolane. It is common on the sides of  
hills in Italy. Another species, which is a coarse, beautifully  
green, dull *grit*, is the *chrysocholla* of the ancients, which they  
used in folding gold, long supposed a lost fossil. It serves  
the purpose of folding metals better than borax, and may be

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had for carriage from the shores of New England. The  
ferruginous black glittering *grit*, is the black shining sand em-  
ployed to throw over writing, found on the shores of Italy.  
What is commonly used in London is from Genoa. The  
coarse, glittering, brownish black is nearly of the same nature,  
but inferior, in all respects. *Milt on Fossils.*  
GRITTYNESS. *n. s.* [from *gritty*.] Sandiness; the quality of  
abounding in *grit*.  
In fullers-earth he could find no sand by the microscope, nor  
any *grittiness*. *Milton's Husbandry.*  
GRITTY. *adj.* [from *grit*.] Full of hard particles; consisting  
of *grit*.  
I could not discern the unevenness of the surface of the  
powder, nor the little shadows let fall from the *gritty* particles  
thereof. *Newton's Opt.*  
GRIZZLIN. *adj.* [More properly *griddin*. See GRIBELIN.]  
The Burgundy, which is a *grizzle* or pale red, of all others,  
is furest to ripen in our climate. *Temple.*  
GRIZZLE. *n. s.* [from *gris*, gray; *grizzle*, French.] A mix-  
ture of white and black; gray.  
O thou dissembling cub! what wilt thou be,  
When time hath sow'd a *grizzle* on thy face? *Shakespeare.*  
GRIZZLED. *adj.* [from *grizzle*.] Interspersed with gray.  
To the boy Caesar, send this *grizzled* head. *Shakespeare.*  
His beard was *grizzled*: no.  
—It was as I have seen it in his life. *Shakespeare. Hamlet.*  
His hair just *grizzled*,  
As in a green old age. *Dryden and Lee's Oedipus.*  
Those *grizzled* locks, which nature did provide  
In plenteous growth, their asse cars to hide. *Dryd. Juven.*  
GRIZZLY. *adj.* [from *gris*, gray, French.] Somewhat gray.  
Living creatures generally do change their hair with age,  
turning to be gray and white; as is seen in men, though some  
earlier, some later; in horses that are dappled, and turn white;  
and in old squirrels, that turn *grizzly*. *Bacon's Nat. History.*  
To GROAN. *v. n.* [from *groan*, Saxon; *groun*, Dutch.] To  
breathe with a hoarse noise, as in pain or agony.  
Many an heir  
Of these fair edifices, for my wars,  
Have I heard *groan* and drop. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*  
Men *groan* from out of the city, and the soul of the  
wounded crieth out. *Job, xxiv. 12.*  
Repenting and *groaning* for anguish of spirit. *Wisd. v. 3.*  
So shall the world go on,  
To good malignant, to bad men benign,  
Under her own weight *groaning*. *Milton's Paradise Lost.*  
Nothing can so peculiarly gratify the noble dispositions of  
humanity, as for one man to see another so much himself as  
to sigh his griefs and *groan* his pains. *South.*  
On the blazing pile his parent lay,  
Or a lov'd brother *groan'd* his life away. *Pope's Odyssey.*  
GROAN. *n. s.* [from the verb.]  
1. Breath expired with noise and difficulty.  
Alas poor country,  
Where sighs and *groans*, and shrieks that rend the air,  
Are made, not mark'd! *Shakespeare's Macbeth.*  
I led to slaughter, and to slaughter leave;  
And ev'n from hence their dying *groans* receive. *Dryden.*  
2. Any hoarse dead sound.  
Such sheets of fire, such hurils of horrid thunder,  
Such *groans* of roaring wind and rain, I never  
Remember to have heard. *Shakespeare's King Lear.*  
GROANFUL. *adj.* [from *groan* and *full*.] Sad; agonizing.  
Adown he fell it with so puissant wret,  
That back again it did aloft rebound,  
And gave against his mother earth a *groanful* found. *F. Ray.*  
GROAT. *n. s.* [from *groet*, Dutch; *groto*, Italian.]  
1. A piece valued at four pence.  
2. A proverbial name for a small sum.  
My mother was wont  
To call them woollen vassals, things created  
To buy and sell with *groats*. *Shakespeare's Coriolanus.*  
I dare lay a *groat*,  
A tertian ague is at least your lot. *Dryden's Fables.*  
Imagine a person of quality prevailed on to marry a wo-  
man much his inferior, and without a *groat* to her for-  
tune. *Swift.*  
3. GROATS. Oats that have the hulls taken off. *Ainsworth.*  
GROCER. *n. s.* [This should be written *groffer*, from *grofs*, a  
large quantity; a *grocer* originally being one who dealt by  
wholesale; or from *grossus*, a fig, which their present state  
seems to favour.]  
A *grocer* is a man who buys and sells tea, sugar and plums  
and spices for gain.  
But still the offspring of your brain shall prove  
The *grocer's* care, and brave the rage of Jove. *Garth.*  
GROCERY. *n. s.* [from *grocer*.] Grocers ware, such as tea;  
sugar; raisins; spice.  
His troops, being now in a country where they were not  
expected, met with many cart-loads of wine, *grocery*, and  
tobacco. *Claridon, b. viii.*  
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